

Project AEBASIN

(consolidated into Project AEFREEMAN)

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PROJECT ACTION SHEET

DATE 18 November 1958

COUNTRY: Estonia/SR

BUDGET: FY 1959 []

New Project / Renewal for FY 59 / Amendment #__ / Termination

1. Project (Cryptonym): AEBASIN

2. Precis of operation, mechanism, target:

A psychological warfare type operation, AEBASIN supports the activities of Estonian emigres and emigre groups directed against the Estonian SSR. These activities include radio broadcasts, mailing operations, liaison with emigre organizations, PP briefings for legal travelers, and exploitation of other media which have PP potentialities.

3. This project refers to priority A, objective 2, tasks b / d
of the ^{German Soviet RMD} ~~applicable~~ RMD which requires (quote pertinent passage):

Facilitate evolutionary changes within the USSR...To this end increase popular demands for greater freedom...aggravate frictions between Soviet and Satellite parties and governments.

Disseminate facts to the Soviet people inside the USSR through effective covert media. Utilize selected emigre organizations for propaganda and political action.

The RMD for Spain, priority B, objective 2, is also applicable: Continue to exploit the foreign broadcasts facilities of Radio Nacional and to improve, without impairing their Spanish flavor, the effectiveness of their broadcasts to the Sino-Soviet bloc.

4. If the priority noted in reply to #3 above is not "A", are the other, higher priority objectives adequately taken care of--or impossible to achieve at present--so that this project aimed at a lower priority target is sufficiently justified?

NA

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5. Does the project cover the entire task described in question 3 above? If not, which part of the task is actually covered by the project? (Are, in your opinion, more important parts of the task left uncovered? If so, why?)

This project covers the task as it relates to one Baltic country, Estonia. In regard to the Spanish RMD, AEBASIN again covers the task insofar as that is possible through supporting broadcasts to one Soviet Republic.

6. Are there other projects, beside this, which cover the same task or reach essentially the same target? If so, list them and state whether this means unnecessary duplication or justifiable division of work and/or a desirable supplementary effort? (If you consider this to be duplication, explain which project should be eliminated or re-directed or whether two or more projects should be merged, or any other applicable remedial action).

There is no duplication of effort.

7. Progress and development of the project during the last 12 months (include major changes in operating conditions or policies):

1. Continued to broadcast daily through Radio Nacional, Madrid. These broadcasts were beamed to the Estonian SSR area.
2. Mailing operations into USSR were conducted by AEBASIN.

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8. Additional Comments:

It has been almost impossible to evaluate the effectiveness of the radio operations of this project. Consequently, the Division has initiated a program to attempt to determine the effectiveness of its radio operations. It is expected that prior to FY 1960 renewal time the Division will have sufficient data so that the value of these operations will be known. The Division will also improve and increase the project's mailing operations and legal traveler operations.

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S:

A. This project action should be approved / disapproved / approved under the following conditions (with the following modifications):

B. Additional action suggested (e.g., advice for the operating division, request for additional information and/or redocumentation, special staff support, future reassessment, or the like):

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PP/PRD/RB Area Officer (Name
typed and signed)